

In the Claims:

1 (currently amended) A method for presenting system performance to a user in a mass storage system, the storage system having a plurality of disk drive storage elements controller by a disk drive controller, said controller receiving commands and data from and returning at least data to a plurality of host computers, said method comprising:

Executing at a plurality of said host computers a test request by sending commands to said mass storage system in a coordinated time synchronized fashion,

Accumulating, at said executing host computer, data regarding performance of said mass storage system, in response to the requests sent by said host computers, and

Presenting said accumulated data, in a graphical plot format, for enabling the visualization of trends in the performance of said mass storage system as a function of at least one selected parameter, in response to said host generated commands.

2. (currently amended) The method of the claim 1 further wherein the parameter is time.

3. (original) The method of claim 1 further wherein said accumulating step accumulates said data in a plurality of databases, and said method further comprises selecting on of said databases for viewing.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said presenting step prints said data in said graphical plot format.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said presenting step displays said data on a computer display in said graphical plot format.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said method further comprises selecting at least one test phase for viewing in said graphical plot format.

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7. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying, in association with said graphical plot format, parameters relating to said graph.

8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said parameters include at least one of the nature of the test, the size of data blocks which have been used, and the number of data points.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said method further enables a user to display multiple graphs on a single sheet.

10. (previously added) The method of claim 1 further comprising time synchronizing said plurality of host computers prior to executing said test request.

11. (previously added) The method of claim 1 further comprising sending communications to said host computers to issue said commands prior to executing test requests.